

HOUSE RESOLUTION 207

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A RESOLUTION to honor Dick Peebles upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those remarkable professionals who have rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for those associated with Tennessee Walking Horses; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting several worthy people into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding

contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration,” during “fifteen or more years involvement with the breed”; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2006 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Dick Peebles, who is renowned and respected throughout the Walking Horse industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peebles, hailing from Decatur, Alabama, and now a resident of Shelbyville, is truly a gifted trainer whose presence both in and out of the ring has been of spectacular import; and

WHEREAS, Dick Peebles has served the Walking Horse world with the utmost probity and integrity and performed his duties with singular ability; and

WHEREAS, the son of Dave and Nora Peebles, Mr. Peebles learned the art of training horses from his father and has used his ability and acumen as the foundation for Dick Peebles Stables, LLC, one of the finest stables in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peebles has trained an astonishing number of World Champions and World Grand Champions, including John F. K.’s Pusher, It’s Taboo, Major Ms. Push, Pusher’s Special Design, Olympic Generator, Hometown Favorite, Generator’s Flirtin, Sun Rise Que Sera Sera, Generator’s Man of Magic, Pusher All Color, Senator’s Warrior, Pusher’s Black Jewel, Wired, Extra Ebony, and Down Under; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dick Peebles has been named the Walking Horse Association of Alabama Trainer of the Year several times; and

WHEREAS, the loving husband of Sharon Moats and proud father of Megan Peebles, Dick Peebles is a devoted member of Midland Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Mr. Peebles has earned the ultimate accolade given by the Walking Horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Dick Peebles on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame, as we recognize his consummate career spent in service to the Walking Horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.